$600,000 THE LIMIT

No More at This Session for Columbia Jetty.

RECOMMENDED BY ENGINEERS

No Mistake Was Made in Announcing Figures of Census of Oregon Cities—No Boom in the Report This Time.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—The river and harbor committee, in executive session today, had under consideration some of the Oregon projects. Assurance is given that a sufficient amount will be appropriated for the mouth of the Columbia to insure the undertaking of the approved project, but the amount alloted is not yet decided upon. Inasmuch as the engineers recommend but $600,000, it is not possible that the amount will exceed that sum.

Siuslaw has been completely dropped from the bill, but other minor improvements, it is understood, are retained, with Yaquina yet to be considered.

Census Figures Correct.

The Census Office has again gone over the enumerators' returns for both Salem and Eugene and affirms the announcement of Saturday, that Salem's population is 4258 and Eugene's 3236. It is thought there is no error as regards Eugene, but doubt exists as to Salem, owing to some misunderstanding or oversight on the part of the supervisor for the first district. When the state was divided into enumerating districts, he asked for nine enumerators for Salem, it being understood that each enumerator should make returns for 800 to 1500 persons. The department thinks that in making returns certain districts properly belonging to Salem have been classed as separate precincts.

NO BOOM IN THIS CENSUS.

Supervisor Winn Believes Figures for Eugene and Salem Are Correct.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 10.—Census Supervisor Winn says that the figures given in yesterday's Oregonian of the population of the principal cities of Oregon, so far as this district is concerned, are according to the recent enumeration, including Salem and Eugene, and he believes are substantially correct. Great care was taken to make them complete, and in some cases there was a revision of the enumeration. The figures show only the population inside the city limits, and do not include the suburban population outside the limits of the different cities, which in some cases, particularly that of Salem, is considerable. In some cases since 1890 the boundaries have been materially changed—contracted rather than increased. The year 1890 was in the boom period, when most of the cities were spread out, and in some cases the census was undoubtedly padded in order to assist in the boom spirit of the day. This year every effort was made to secure the actual population of the different cities, and it was to the interest of the enumerator as much as any one else to secure the full population of his subdivision, and there is every reason to believe this was done. The population of Albany is at least 1000 less than has generally been estimated, but conservative people believe that the figures, 3349, are substantially correct, while those of 10 years ago were probably higher than the city was entitled to.

READY FOR BIG CREAMERY.

Will Start With 500 Cows—Instruction in Methods to Be Given.

MONROE, Or., Dec. 10.—At the farmers' meeting held here Saturday, the business men joined in, and it was stated by Manager George D. Goodhue, of the Salem Creamery Company, that sufficient inducements were held out to warrant a decision in favor of the erection of a creamery at this place at once. The plans are to have this branch of the dairy industry in operation by March of the coming year. The enterprise has a guarantee of 500 cows to start with, and this number will be increased to 1000 during the first year's run.

Manager Goodhue says that there will be no obstacles in the way of introducing hand separators in this section, and his company is prepared to accommodate its patrons with such terms of sale as will place these machines within the reach of every farmer in this vicinity. There will be no hand-skimmed or graduated cream taken at the new factory. The cream used is to be either from the separator operated by the patron, or from whole milk delivered at the factory and there separated.

A three days' meeting of farmers is to be held early in January, during which final arrangements for the construction of building will be made and an educational course in grades of cattle to be used, feeding, silos, etc., will be given. Dr. Withycombe, of the Oregon Agricultural College; C. H. Markham, of the Southern Pacific Company, and several others will be here during the meeting.

Wallace's Railroad Scheme.

H. S. Wallace of Junction, promoter of the Corvallis Southern Railway, was in Monroe, Saturday, in the interests of his company. He placed before the business men here his plans and also his plea for a $25,000 bonus and depot grounds. The bonus asked is to be in the nature of a loan, the amount to be repaid to the lender by service over the line when it is completed. According to the statement of Mr. Wallace, he has placed bonds in New York for $400,000, the money to be forthcoming when terminals, depot grounds, right of way and a $200,000 bonus is secured. According to this plan, Eugene is to give $100,000; Corvallis, $50,000; Monroe, $25,000, and Junction City, $25,000, and each place gives its depot grounds and right of way besides.

SOLDIER ARRESTED FOR LARCENY.

Charged With Stealing Articles From the Post Hospital.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 10.—Private Moss, of the Hospital Corps, Vancouver Barracks, was placed under arrest today on a charge of larceny, and will be tried before a military court-martial. For some time past the officers at the post hospital have been missing blankets and other articles from the hospital, and this morning City Marshal Norton was called in for consultation regarding the matter. During the consultation the Marshal's suspicions were aroused by the peculiar actions of Moss, who was also in the room. The Marshal, in company with Constable Thomlinson, immediately set to work on the case, and within an hour they had located a number of the articles stolen, and also ascertained that Moss was the man who had left them at the saloons where they were found. Upon their return to the hospital, Moss was not to be found. A guard, however, was sent after him, and soon overtook him on the road leading to La Camas. He was brought back and placed in the guardhouse, where he will remain until his trial.

Circuit Court Docket.

The docket was called in the Superior Court this morning, and cases which will be heard at the jury session of the court, which will convene tomorrow, were set for trial. The criminal cases to be tried are: State of Washington vs. Loren Seward, for mayhem; State vs. G. H. Eckhard, for assault with a dangerous weapon; State vs. Patrick White, burglary, and State vs. John Sankonan, Jr., burglary. There are also four civil cases on the docket requiring a jury, of which the case of Dr. A. E. Rockey vs. William H. Hazard, is the chief. In this case Rockey claims a balance due him from Hazard of $500 out of a total fee of $1500 for performing a surgical operation upon the defendant. Hazard avers that the fee is extortionate, and that the agreement to pay was obtained while he (Hazard) was in a weakened physical condition, and incapable of making a rational business transaction.

TO MAKE A ROCK ROAD.

Movement by Citizens and Officials of Lewis County, Washington.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Dec. 10.—A meeting is to be held at Swofford, 40 miles east of Chehalis, on the Cowlitz River, in Lewis County, Saturday, to ask the Legislature to help the county and citizens of the territory interested to build a good road to that point. There is already a good plank and rock and gravel road extending from Chehalis about 20 miles east toward Swofford. Hon. George McCoy, Representative-elect from Lewis County, and the newly elected Board of County Commissioners held a meeting Saturday night to consider the matter. The Commissioners have about $1500 which is available to apply on this road, if other money can be added to build a permanent road. There is plenty of rock up that way, and it is a good country through which to build a permanent rock road.

Four Chehalis saloonkeepers today pleaded guilty in the Superior Court to the charge of keeping their places open Sunday. Two Centralia men have been convicted. All were fined $30 apiece, and all other cases of that nature now pending against them were dropped.

Napoleon Bernier, who was recently found guilty of simple assault, but recommended to be given the full penalty of the law, was fined $500 and sentenced to serve six months in the County Jail. His offense was shooting at a Deputy Sheriff who was attempting to arrest him.

SANDY SALMON OUTPUT.

One Million Two Hundred Thousand Fry Turned Loose.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 10.—Thomas Brown, superintendent of the state hatchery on Salmon River, a tributary of the Sandy, returned today, having completed his season's work. The total product of this season's catch was 1,200,000 young chinook salmon, which have been turned loose in the river. While the catch of eggs was not large, Mr. Brown is well pleased with the results, considering the unfavorable conditions existing. On account of the extreme low water, but few salmon reached the immediate vicinity of the hatchery, and many of the eggs had to be secured below and carried a distance of two miles, about 25 Indians being employed to assist in the work. He also says that it will be necessary to close the Sandy River against logging and the floating of ties for two months in the year, in order to make that stream and its branches a good place to take salmon. Mr. Brown says that the rush of logs and ties down the stream at certain seasons of the year causes immense numbers of the salmon to go back to the Columbia River. The loss in hatching this season was only about 5 per cent.

SMALLPOX AT SPOKANE.

Indians Have It and May Have Spread Germs.

SPOKANE, Dec. 10.—Discovery was made today that smallpox exists in a small camp of Indians in the outskirts of this city. One death has occurred, and three Indians are down with the disease. These Indians were strays from the Coeur d'Alene and Spokane reservations. When the disease broke out a part of the encampment returned to the Coeur d'Alene reserve, and it is feared they have carrid the disease with them.

Ready for City Election.

FOREST GROVE, Or., Dec. 10.—The City Council has selected L. S. Parker, R. W. McNutt and H. H. Clark for judges of the city election, to be held here the first Monday in January, and J. C. Clark and John A. Thornburgh for clerks. The officers to be elected are a Mayor, three Councilmen for two years, Recorder, Treasurer and Marshal.

"Dry" Day in Junction City.

JUNCTION CITY, Or., Dec. 10.—Yesterday was the first "dry" day in Junction City for years. Business houses and saloons were closed.

The machinery is being placed in the Weatherly creamery, and it will be in operation in about a week.

Oregon Notes.

Coyotes are numerous in the vicinity of Sparta, Union County.

Building materials have arrived at Sheridan for a new depot.

A Baptist church organization has been effected at Klamath Falls.

E. H. Carman has sold his sawmill near Wallowa to Biggs & Cook.

Two Corvallis boys got drunk last week on gin left on the grave of a Chinaman.

Kiddle Bros., of Island City, shipped several carloads of hogs from Elgin Wednesday.

The milk separating plant which operated at Stayton last Summer will be shipped to Albany.

Two saloon-keepers were fined $10 each at Junction City, Saturday, for violation of the Sunday-closing law.

George Ehrhardt has taken 2000 sheep from the west to the east side of the lake in Surprise Valley for the Winter.

Alva Rowley was fined $30 at Klamath Falls last week for carrying a concealed weapon, and I. Rowley $25 for disorderly conduct.

It is said that unscrupulous Nimrods are slaughtering the few mountain quail that make their home in the canyons adjacent to Lakeview.

Henry Boldeiner, of Echo, has been despoiled of a trapping outfit and a large amount of household goods. The theft was committed while he was away on a trip, it is believed by a man named Henderson.

A white man and a Chinese had a mixup at Baker City Saturday, in which the latter used a butcher-knife but got the worst of the fray. The white man received a slash on the arm. Both were arrested.

The Sumpter Water Company has employed a force of men and sent out 47,000 feet of lumber to complete its new flume. This flume will replace the old ditch that carries the water from Wind Creek to Pole Creek. It is over a mile in length.

The following officers were elected last week at John Day: Mayor, A. Hachenev; Recorder, J. W. McCulloch; Treasurer, Frank Hachenev; Marshal, Charles Angell; Councilmen, W. M. Myers, J. D. Combs, H. M. Bashford, W. H. Johnson, J. H. Fell and J. P. Johnson.

The sawmills at Hilgard of Short & Casey, Shropshire Bros. and of Arnold Bros. are employing about 75 men, and are shipping an average of three carloads per day. Utah is the market at present. They also have men in the timber, preparing for a big season's run to commence in the Spring.

The debating team which will represent Willamette University will be chosen from the following: Misses D. Gans, Nellie Clark, Helen Calbreath, and Messrs. G. R. Moorhead, Gabriel Sykes, G. W. Aschenbrenner, H. W. Swafford, C. C. Baker, B. B. Geer, R. C. Blackwell, Ennis Savage and R. B. Wilkins.

People of Eagle Valley precinct met at Richland Monday of last week to discuss the "new county" proposition. They resolved to circulate a petition to the Legislature asking for a division of Union County. The chair appointed a committee of three to visit the other precincts in the proposed new county and lay the matter before them for their consideration.

MINES MUST PAY TAXES

IMPORTANT RULING OF SUPREME COURT OF IDAHO.

After Title Passes From the Government Mining Claims Are Same As Other Realty for Taxation.

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 10.—Mining property, title to which has passed from the Government to private parties, is subject to taxation in this state exactly like any other form of property. This point has just been decided by the Supreme Court in the case of O. J. Salisbury, respondent, vs. Carl Lane, Assessor, appellant. Under this decision a mining claim is no longer a mining claim within the meaning of the statute of exemptions, after it has been passed to patent, but becomes property. The decision is of far-reaching importance, affecting most, if not all, the valuable mining properties of this state. The aggregate value of these properties is very large, and if it is added to the assessment roll of the state it will make a material increase in the taxable property.

The case in which this decision has been rendered grew out of the assessment by the Assessor of Custer County of certain patented mining property belonging to Mr. Salisbury. The Assessor was proceeding to sell the property for taxes when Mr. Salisbury paid them under protest, and then brought suit for recovery. The case was submitted to Judge Stockslager, at Hailey, on an agreed statement of facts and was decided against the Assessor. An appeal was taken to the Supreme Court, where the decision is reversed. Mr. Borah briefed the case and argued it on the theory that the term "mining claim" covers only possessory claims, title to which has not passed from the Government.

Quotations of Mining Stocks.

SPOKANE, Dec. 10.—The closing quotations for mining stocks today were:

	Bid.	Ask.		Bid.	Ask.
Blacktail	8¾	9¼	P. M. Tunnel	12	20
Butte & Bos.	1	2	Quilp	20	24
Crystal	4¾	5¼	Ramb. Car.	20	25¾
D. T. Con.	2¾	3	Republic	55½	67
Evening Star	4	6¾	Reservation	3	5
Gold Ledge	1¾	1¾	Ross. Giant	2¾	2¾
Golden Harv.	¾	¾	Sullivan	13¾	14¾
I. X. L.	15	20	Tom Thumb	10	12
Iron Mask		26	Waterloo	2	2¾
Jim Blaine	2½	8½	Winnipeg		6
L. P. Surp.	6¾	7½	Conjecture	4	4¼
Mtn. Lion	2½	2¾	Amer. Boy	9	10
Morn. Glory	5½	5¾	Trade Dollar	2½	3¼
Morrison	3¾	4	Jumbo	3¾	4¾
Noble Five		4	Hercules	3	3¾
Prin. Maud	1	1¾			

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 10.—Official closing quotations for mining stocks:

Alta	$0 05	Justice	$0 02
Alpha Con	2	Mexican	20
Andes	8	Occidental Con	4
Belcher	19	Ophir	69
Best & Belcher	28	Overman	11
Bullion	2	Potosi	13
Caledonia	35	Savage	8
Challenge Con	21	Sav. Belcher	2
Chollar	29	Sierra Nevada	29
Confidence	67	Silver Hill	3
Con. Cal. & Va.	1 40	Standard	3 00
Crown Point	11	Union Con	23
Gould & Curry	53	Utah Con	6
Hale & Norcross	20	Yellow Jacket	23

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Mining stocks today closed as follows:

Brunswick	$0 11	Ontario	$6 00
Chollar	12	Ophir	63
Crown Point	8	Plymouth	25
Con. Cal. & Va.	1 25	Quicksilver	1 25
Deadwood	34	do pref	7 00
Gould & Curry	48	Sierra Nevada	25
Hale & Norcross	18	Standard	3 20
Homestake	60 00	Union Con	20
Iron Silver	80	Yellow Jacket	19
Mexican	17		

BOSTON, Dec. 10.—Closing quotations:

Adventure	$ 6 00	Humboldt	$ 25 00
Allouez M. Co.	2 25	Osceola	71 50
Amal. Copper	91 75	Parrott	47 50
Atlantic	28 00	Quincy	174 00
Boston & Mont.	325 00	Santa Fe Cop.	6 00
Butte & Boston	79 00	Tamarack	283 00
Cal. & Hecla	810 00	Utah Mining	33 50
Centennial	15 75	Winona	3 25
Franklin	15 00	Wolverines	45 50

Notes of Oregon Mines.

The Dry Gulch Ditch Company, of Eagle Valley, will soon have a large force of men at work on its ditch. The intention is to have water running by Spring.

The Grant's Pass Journal says that the Champion Mining Company, which owns the Rising Star and Eccentric properties, on Williams Creek, will build a tramway for conveying ore to the mill, a distance of 1½ miles.

A continuous ledge 3000 feet in length is said to have been proved by the recent work on the Nora B. group, owned by the Nora B. Mining Company, of Sumpter, and situated in the Ibex district. Five surface assays are reported, averaging $6 per ton.

Fifty-five men left the employ of the Cornucopia mines Wednesday night, and the works are shut down indefinitely. The trouble has been brewing for some time over differences in the dining-room of the boarding-house. The men declared that the force of waiters was insufficient, according to the Carson Tocsin.

C. R. Park, who has a bond on the Golden Wedge, reports since his return from the property at Galice that in tunneling in on the property about 100 feet a ledge of rich rock was discovered, that measures between walls 5½ feet, says the Grant's Pass Journal. He has not had it assayed, but thinks it will average from $200 to $400 to the ton.

The interest of Walter Brown in the Quartz Gulch placer ground and quartz properties was sold last Wednesday to Messrs. Klink and Roddick for a consideration of $4000, says the Canyon City News. The property consists of 320 acres of placer ground and several promising quartz propositions. The placer ground so far as it has been tested yields on an average of 15 cents to the yard. Work will be begun at once, preparing for the Spring run, and among other improvements contemplated by the late purchaser is a telephone line from the mine to town.

DYNAMITE IN A DAM.

Obnoxious Obstruction at Dilley Clandestinely Blasted Out.

HILLSBORO, Or., Dec. 10.—It is reported here that the Dilley dam site had a second experience with dynamite last night or early this morning. This is the site recently purchased by the settlers above the dam, who paid $1150 for the property in order to have it removed. A sawmill company which had its plant below this dam succeeded in getting a temporary injunction against its removal, and one night after the papers were served an attempt was made to blow out the obstruction, but failed, owing to the failure of the fuse to ignite. The mill company then put a watchman on the ground, and upon his leaving, early this morning, the second and successful attempt to blast the dam was made.

Louie How, the Chinaman who was living with Gue Sule, who was murdered at Raleigh, this county, last week, was last night brought from Oregon City and lodged in the jail at this place, on an information charging him with the murder. How had gone to Portland, and was kept in confinement for several days, when evidence sufficient for an information was found by the local officers here. Deputy Sheriff Bradford went to Portland Saturday evening and took How in custody, leaving immediately for Oregon City to avoid habeas corpus proceedings. He was then brought overland to this place. He will have his hearing next Friday.

FOR BUTCHERING NEIGHBOR'S COW

Benton County Man Held to Circuit Court on Larceny Charge.

CORVALLIS, Or., Dec. 10.—In Justice Holgate' Court this afternoon Chester Rust was bound over to the April term of the Circuit Court on a charge of larceny. The testimony showed that the defendant had stolen and butchered a cow that belonged to a neighbor named Bennett. Rust is about 30 years of age, has long resided in the vicinity, and has a wife and child. In default of $250 bond he was sent to jail.

The First Methodist Church was packed again this afternoon, and was again crowded tonight at the temperance addresses of Colonel Holt, of Chicago. For admission tonight, a 15-cent fee was exacted, the proceeds to go to the benefit of the local organization of the W. C. T. U., under the auspices of which the lectures are given. The attendance at the lectures is from every class of citizens, and the interest manifested is very great. The crowds are the largest that have been brought out on any occasion in years, save in commencement time at the college. Several hundred have signed the pledge.

BRITISH COLUMBIA GOLD.

Strike on Fourth of July Creek and a Stampede.

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 10.—A special to the Chronicle from Nelson, Wash., brings news of a stampede up Fourth of July Creek, a branch of the Kettle River. Shot gold has been discovered with ground running $10 to the cubic yard. Diggings in that vicinity have been secretly worked by George Arnett, an old miner, for three or four years. It is estimated he has cleaned up $10,000. The strike extends on both sides of the British-American boundary.

COUNTERFEITER CAPTURED.

Bridge Watchman Arrested and Molds Found at Spokane.

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 10.—Edmund Hansen, alias H. Larkee, believed to be the leader of the gang of counterfeiters operating here, has been captured. Hansen was a bridge watchman for the Great Northern. In his shack were found counterfeiters' molds and letters ordering gold and silver bullion. Near by in a cache in the rocks many stolen articles were found. Hansen protests complete innocence.

SHOT IN THE FACE.

Son Accidentally Destroyed Father's Eye and Nose.

M'MINNVILLE, Dec. 10.—At Loban's mill, west of this place, yesterday, Joseph Draper lost an eye and was painfully shot through the nose and tongue by the accidental discharge of a shotgun in the hands of his son. The father and son were standing about 20 feet apart when the accident occurred.

Jacksonville Paying Debts.

JACKSONVILLE, Or., Dec. 10.—The town of Jacksonville having paid off the first series of bonds of $7500 issued to aid in construction of the Rogue River Valley Railway, has decided to call in the second series of $5000 and refund the debt at a lower rate of interest. The present bonds bear 8 per cent interest, whereas it is believed the new issue will be taken at a rate not exceeding 6 per cent, interest payable annually.

The regular term of Circuit Court convened here today. The civil docket is unusually light, and there are no criminal cases.

REALLY SETTING POLES

ANSON GOING RIGHT AHEAD WITH SALEM ENTERPRISE.

To Light and Heat the City With His Plant—May Be of Advantage to the State.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 10.—A crew of men began this morning on the work of setting poles for the electric light lines of the Salem Light, Power & Steam Heating Company, in this city. The work was commenced at the corner of Front and Ferry streets, near the Capital Lumbering Company's office, and the line of poles extends north from Ferry street through the line business blocks on the west side of Commercial street.

The commencement of this work attracted wide attention, and no end of comment. There has been a general feeling in Salem for some time that the new electric light company has been bluffing in its talk of a rival electric light plant, in the hopes of forcing a compromise from the Salem Light & Traction Company, or its successor, the London & San Francisco Bank. But those who saw the work in progress this morning do not express the opinion that it is a part of a bluff game. The poles are by far the largest and best in the city, and are being put in at great expense. The line is being run through the business part of town, where the best of the electric lighting patronage is found.

There has been considerable speculation as to the location of the new company's power-house, but nothing of a definite nature has been learned. F. R. Anson, who is at the head of the new company, is keeping his plans to himself. The fact that the work on the line was begun near the Capital Lumbering Company's saw mill seemed to confirm the rumor that the electric light plant will be operated in connection with the saw mill. A. N. Moores, the mill company's manager, was asked this morning whether such is to be the programme, and he responded that no deal of that nature has been closed, though there has been some talk between Mr. Anson and himself on the subject. This would lead to the supposition that perhaps terms satisfactory to Mr. Anson have been offered, and that a deal may be closed later by his acceptance.

The importance to Salem of the new enterprise that has been started lies in the benefits that may be derived from competition in the production and sale of electric light and power. If this competition shall result in a cheaper rate of light and power to individual consumers, and to the state institutions, which are extensive patrons of the electric light company, much good will result generally. It has been suggested that competition may make electric light as cheap in Salem as transportation is between Portland and Astoria. Such a reduction in lighting rates would certainly be profitable to the State of Oregon.

It is said that two electric light companies cannot live in Salem. That would probably be true if the present business were to be divided between them. But since the Astoria Railroad has found it profitable to operate with a 25-cent fare between Portland and Astoria, it is not improbable that a cut in electric light prices will increase light consumption so as to make room for both companies.

Marion County's Assessment.

County Clerk W. W. Hall today completed the summary of Marion County's assessment roll for the year 1900, and will file it in the office of the Secretary of State tomorrow. It shows the following valuations:

Acres tillable land, 174,627	$2,290,572
Acres nontillable land, 336,042	1,187,794
Improvements on deeded lands	597,984
Town and city lots	846,830
Improvements on same	778,218
Improvements on lands not deeded	15,000
Railroad bed, 113 miles	259,805
Telegraph and telephone lines, 189 miles	9,477
Street railways, 12¾ miles	8,900
Rolling stock	51,939
Merchandise	318,678
Farm implements	198,418
Money	69,109
Notes and accounts	235,238
Shares of stock, 683	39,745
Household furniture, etc.	251,388
Horses and mules, 6605	196,453
Cattle, 10,878	190,965
Sheep	47,516
Dogs, 6	239
Goats, 5989	11,949
Swine, 5581	11,225
Gross value all property	$7,745,298
Exemptions	623,517
Total taxable property	$7,121,781

In 1899, Marion County's assessment summary showed the following valuations:

Acres tillable land, 179,307	$2,694,164
Acres nontillable land, 327,925	1,330,151
Improvements on deeded lands	683,928
City and town lots	983,964
Improvements on same	934,955
Improvements on lands not deeded	17,410
Miles of railroad bed, 113	268,265
Rolling stock	62,639
Telegraph and telephone lines, 158 miles	8,574
Merchandise	336,356
Farm implements	192,630
Money	79,613
Notes and accounts	205,582
Shares of stock, 718	35,717
Household furniture	247,889
Horses and mules, 7230	190,399
Cattle, 10,829	145,998
Sheep and goats, 25,205	37,814
Swine, 6235	12,013
Gross value all property	$8,698,500
Exemptions	775,457
Total taxable property	$7,923,043

Illness of Secretary Dunbar.

Secretary of State Dunbar has been confined to his bed for over two weeks with an attack of malaria and typhoid. It was announced today that the fever has left him, but his physicians say he will not be bie to go to his office before January 1. As this is the season in which the Secretary's biennial report must be prepared, it is especially inconvenient for him to be absent from his office work at this time. Mr. Dunbar's illness was perhaps brought on in part by too close application to his work, for he is at his office early in the morning, and, after giving personal attention to much of the detail work of his department during the day, returns and works several hours by lamplight.

Two Lodges in One Hall.

The Salem lodge of Elks has recently made an agreement with Chemeketa Lodge, I. O. O. F., by which both these orders will occupy the lodgeroom in the new Odd Fellows' temple. This arrangement is very agreeable to both orders, for it reduces expenses for the Odd Fellows and gives the Elks an ideal place of meeting. The only cause for regret is that it is found impossible to carry the mounted elk through the door of the lodgeroom. This elk is the prize won by the Salem lodge at the street carnival in Portland. It is so large that it cannot be placed in the new lodgeroom.

Rural Delivery From Albany.

Special Agent H. J. Ormsby, of the Postoffice Department, today received from Washington the papers in the application of citizens of Albany for a free rural delivery system at that place. He will examine the proposed routes immediately after closing up his work in Salem.

A CASE OF MAYHEM.

Heppner Man Charged With Biting Neighbor's Ear Off.

HEPPNER, Or., Dec. 10.—Late last night Mat Hughes bit off a piece of Claude Herren's ear. Herren was coming out of Matlock's saloon, when Hughes stepped in front of him and asked if he had applied a certain foul epithet to him last Spring. Herren did not deny it, and Hughes asked him how he wanted to fight. Herren told him he did not want to fight, as he was no match for such a large and powerful man, and while they were discussing the matter Hughes seized him and bit off part of his ear. Later on Hughes was arrested by Marshal Thornton and Les Matlock and taken before Recorder Williams, who admitted him to bail in the sum of $500.

Hughes and Herren have had three trials over the ownership of a horse, and at the last term of court a jury awarded the horse to Herren.

Repairing State Road.

The long wagon road from Heppner to the interior, on which the state expended $14,000 so as to give the people of the John Day country an outlet to the railroad here, got out of repair on account of the heavy traffic. Mayor Gilliam and Mac Clarke have just raised $1681 by subscription to pay for repairing the road. Half of this money will be used for paying for repairs just completed, and the other half will be used on the road next Spring.

Fatal Cough Syrup.

Unknown to its parents, a child of J. L. Yeagers, 2 years old, got hold of a bottle of cough syrup, drank most of it and died.

LOOKING FOR JETTY STONE.

May Get Supply Near Knappa or Tillamook Head.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 10.—Engineer Hegardt, of Fort Stevens, has been looking for a quarry where stone can be procured for building the extension to the jetty. The most suitable rock found thus far was on Knot Creek, near Knappa, and it is probable a great portion of the amount needed will be taken from there. Mr. Hegardt will, however, make further investigations in the vicinity of Tillamook Head.

While the British ship Cromartyshire was anchored in the lower harbor a few days ago she dragged her anchor and it fouled the old Government cable and broke it. It has been found impossible to pick up the ends. This cable was used by the Western Union to connect Astoria with Long Beach.

J. P. Stoner, a car painter of Portland, announced to the police last night that he had been held up by two masked men, and that one of them held a pistol in his face while the other took $42 50 from his pockets. Where the hold-up is said to have taken place was on a much-frequented street in the lower end of the city. As he could not give a description of the men, the police are skeptical about the hold-up, and are inclined to believe that the man had gambled away his money, as it is known that he had been gambling earlier in the evening.

Articles of incorporation of the Central Drug Company were filed in the County Clerk's office today. The capital stock is $2000, and the incorporators are John Erickson, J. A. Gutzen and Frederick Wickman.

The officers and crew of the revenue cutter Commodore Perry were paid off today by Deputy Collector of Customs Parker.

FELL FROM A VELOCIPEDE.

Young Woman's Arm Broken and Child's Skull Fractured.

LEBANON, Or., Dec. 10.—Yesterday afternoon Richard Bennett, a section hand on the Woodburn-Natron Railroad, was riding with his family and wife's sister upon a railroad velocipede upon the railroad track near Tallman Junction. His wife's sister was holding Mr. Bennett's 4-year-old child on her lap. When the velocipede was under good headway the young lady's dress was caught in one of the wheels, and she was thrown violently to the ground, breaking her right arm and fracturing the little girl's skull. A physician from this place was summoned, who removed a small piece of the child's skull and raised other parts that were pressing against the brain. The child is in a critical condition, but the physician has hopes of its recovery.

COLLEGE Y. M. C. A.

Exchange of Felicitations at the University of Oregon.

EUGENE, Dec. 10.—The special assembly at the University of Oregon this morning was attended by a large number of students and Y. M. C. A. delegates. After the usual religious exercises, Dr. Strong told of the great benefit that the meetings had proved to the association, and the distinct impression that the convention has left upon the University of Oregon. He paid special tribute to Secretary Smith's stirring address of yesterday and his strong plea to college men. President Lee, of Albany College, Secretary Hanna, and Secretary Stone, each made short addresses, and International Secretary B. F. Smith spoke for a half hour upon the work of the college Y. M. C. A.

The programme of the morning was interspersed with selections by the Glee and Treble Clef Clubs, and a double quartet from the Chemawa Indian School. Most of the delegates left for their homes on the 1:10 P. M. train.

Speaking of the convention, Secretary Smith said:

"I was most agreeably surprised with the condition of things here in Oregon. The convention was a grand success and compares most favorably with the large gatherings of the East. I never sat among a more earnest and energetic set of fellows than I have during the past few days, and I am highly pleased with the condition of the Y. M. C. A. work in the Northwest. The University of Oregon has a bright future. The student body is composed of intelligent young men and women, and the work done here is of a very high standard. The university is to be congratulated upon having such an able and upright man as Dr. Strong for its president."

O'BRIEN SAID TO HAVE CONFESSED

Testimony Against Man Charged With Fred Clayson's Murder.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 10.—News arrived today that George Scott, who was a fellow-prisoner of O'Brien the trail murderer of last Winter, gave evidence December 3 at Dawson that O'Brien had confessed the murders to him, and he told of incriminating conversations he had with O'Brien.

Scott testified that while in prison O'Brien confessed to him. When the bodies of the victims reached Dawson O'Brien asked if bullet marks had been found. Later he asked, "Did anybody give me away?" and, receiving a reply in the negative said, "I fixed it so nobody could give me away." O'Brien denies the story.

Shingle Mill Burned.

TACOMA, Dec. 10.—A shingle mill owned by the Western Manufacturing Company was burned tonight. Loss, $10,000.

NORTHWEST DEAD.

Was Washington County Boy.

FOREST GROVE, Or., Dec. 10.—A message from Nez Perces, Idaho, today, says that Burt Bowlby, who was operated on there for appendicitis, was buried there Saturday. He was born in Washington County, and had lived at Forest Grove about 19 years.

A. C. Harris, of Marion County.

SALEM, Dec. 10.—A. C. Harris, aged 51 years, died at the residence of Silas Fletcher, near Hayesville, last night.

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